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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**Status of Claims**

Claims 2-12 and 14-48 remain in the application. Claim 13 has been cancelled. Claim 49 has been added to the application.

Amendments to Claims

The Final Office Action that issued on February 18, 2004 indicated that claim 13 would be allowable if written in independent form. Accordingly, in the response to the Final Office Action which was filed on May 18, 2004 claim 13 was written in independent form.

In a telephone call on June 14, 2004, Examiner Hyun contacted the Applicant's representative and stated that the Final Action was in error in indicating that claim 13 would be allowable if written in independent form. Accordingly, the Examiner's position is that claim 13 is not allowable.

To advance prosecution of the application claim 13 has now been cancelled and new claim 49 has been added to the application, which recites the limitation of former claim 13 but which has been made dependent on allowable claim 2.

The application should now be in allowable form.

It is respectfully requested that the USPTO waive the \$110 monthly extension fee in this particular situation. The resulting amendment submitted in this Supplemental Response of cancelling claim 13 and adding new claim 49 could have been submitted in the Final Office

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Action response filed on May 18, 2004, which would have avoided the required payment of the extension fee, had the rejected status of claim 13 been brought to light in the original Final Office Action.

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